CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for providing information to a user through an Object-Action

Navigation paradigm comprising the steps of:

5   displaying a Context Pane having one or more selectable objects of

interest to a user;

displaying one or more selectable actions associated with an object and

responsive to user selection of an associated object;

executing an action script in response to user selection of a selectable

10   action, said action script generating a set of results; and

displaying to said user said action script results in a Content Pane, said

Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent information or

transactional modules.

2.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script

15   comprises performing a search for information related to said selected object.

3.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script

comprises retrieving data or information from a database.

4.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of executing an action script

comprises the step of retrieving current data or information from a datafeed.

20 5.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying said results in a

content pane further comprises filtering and sorting said results prior to

display.

6.   The method of Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying said results in a

content pane comprises organizing said content pane into a plurality of

selectable workspaces.

7.   A computer readable medium encode with software for providing information

5   to a user through an Object-Action Navigation paradigm, said software

causing a user computer to perform the steps of:

display a context pane having one or more selectable objects of

interest to a user;

display one or more selectable actions associated with an object and

10   responsive to user selection of an associated object;

execute an action script in response to user selection of a selectable

action, said action script generating a set of results; and

display to said user said action script results in a Content Pane, said

Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent information or

15   transactional modules.

8.   The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for

executing an action script comprises software for performing a search for

information related to said selected object.

9.   The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for

20   executing an action script comprises software for retrieving data or

information from a database.

10.   The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for

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executing an action script comprises software for retrieving current data or information from a datafeed.

11.   The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for displaying said results in a content pane further comprises software for filtering and sorting said results prior to display.

12.   The computer readable medium of Claim 7 wherein said software for displaying said results in a content pane comprises software for organizing said content pane into a plurality of selectable workspaces.

13.   A system for managing information through an Object-Action Navigation user interface, said system comprising:

    a user profile indicating a user's objects of interest, sources of information for said objects of interest, and a preferred display layout arrangement;

    one or more server-executable action modules for retrieving and processing information from said sources of information; and

    a server system which is adapted to receive user-selected web page links, execute associated action modules, format action module results and output into a new web page according to said user profile, and transmit said new web page to a web browser.

14.   The system as set forth in Claim 13 further comprising:

    a user entitlement indicating one or more action modules to which a user is entitled to use and apply to said objects of interest;

an action module restrictor for disabling and prohibiting execution

of any action modules by a user who is not entitled to use said action modules.

15.   The system as set forth in Claim 13 wherein said web page comprises:

a context pane containing one or more user selectable objects of

5   interest associated with links; and

a content pane containing said formatted action module results and

output, said Content Pane containing an aggregation of semi-independent

information or transactional modules.

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